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The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, entitled "Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations",

Considering the 1967 Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies,[1] in particular article III thereof,

Recognizing the importance of the Declaration on International Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for the Benefit and in the Interest of All States, Taking into Particular Account the Needs of Developing Countries,[2] which, as an expanded version of article I, paragraph 1, of the 1967 Outer Space Treaty,[1] should acquire the status of a United Nations universal declaration, the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[3] particularly in its references to solidarity, development and human security, and the resolution entitled "The Space Millennium: Vienna Declaration on Space and Human Development",[4] adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III),

Recalling the outcome of the Fourth and Fifth Space Conferences of the Americas, the agreements reached by the International Group of Experts at its meeting in the Galapagos Islands (Ecuador) in 2008 and the decisions adopted at the various space conferences held in other regions,

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 610, No. 8843.
[2] See resolution 51/122.
[3] See resolution 55/2.
[4] See *Report of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Vienna, 19-30 July 1999* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.I.3), chap. I, resolution 1.

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Recognizing the need to safeguard global public goods, considering the importance of the production of scientific knowledge to informed international public policy decision-making,

1. *Decides* to promote interregional dialogue on space matters among States Members of the United Nations;

2. *Reaffirms* the need to strengthen, through a specific mechanism, inter- and intraregional cooperation among States Members of the United Nations;

3. *Underlines* the importance of continuing to promote a common agenda on issues such as outer space and climate change, outer space and food security, and outer space and global health, as highlighted by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and by the Fourth Committee at the sixty-second and sixty-third sessions of the General Assembly;

4. *Decides* to establish a formal link between the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the Committee on Sustainable Development that takes into account the relevant norms and standards, which requires the reports of both bodies to be made available to the States members of the respective bodies, with a view to developing comprehensive and convergent strategies;

5. *Urges* that every effort should be made through space applications to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, which in turn calls for the:

(a) Adoption of a new approach with regard to the principles relating to remote sensing of the Earth by satellite adopted in 1986, as these do not reflect reality or the international legal, political or scientific order;

(b) Definition of a method of coordination among international bodies, such as the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, and other international financing institutions, aimed at securing the commitment of such bodies to develop sustainable development projects, taking into account the wide range of opportunities provided by space applications in the exploration and use of space for developing countries;

(c) Provision of support to the Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (CRECTEALC), the Space Conference of the Americas, the Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization and other entities working towards the same goal for the benefit of the region;

(d) Promotion of cross-cutting cooperation schemes and the assessment of the need to follow up on the intersessional work of CRECTEALC and the Space Conference of the Americas, with a view to strengthening their activities and promoting implementation of the decisions adopted by both regional organizations;

6. *Stresses* that in order to achieve sustainable security and development goals, it is necessary to lay minimal foundations for regional cooperation for the benefit of all, as well as to improve communication at the international level;

7. *Requests* that the content and follow-up of this proposal should be reviewed by the Committee at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.